

MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in-person at Barnet Town Hall (154 Church Street) and via GoToMeeting telephone/online conference. This meeting was recorded via GoToMeeting.

Board members participating:

- **In-person:** Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair), and Benjamin Adams.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Other Town officials and employees participating:

- **In-person:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Members of the public participating:

- **In-person:** Michael Gibson.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** Mona Marceau.

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held 12 January 2026

- Mr. Adams moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 12 January 2026. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by Members of the Public

2. Other business presented by members of the public

There was no other business presented by members of the public.

Appearances by Town Officers

3. Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters; take any action

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting. In his absence the Board discussed the following matters:

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, progress report on reimbursement funding for July 2024 flooding disaster

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt reported that several Federal Emergency Management Agency projects moved forward to “obligated” status, signaling that reimbursement funding should be delivered to the Town soon.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, grant amendment for Vermont Agency of Transportation Town Highway Structures Grant (FY23)

The Board reviewed a grant amendment for a planned grant project for a bridge on West Main Street. The amendment extends the project completion date due to ongoing issues arising from the July 2024 flood event and the rural area of the project.

- With the Board’s approval, Mr. Gates signed the amendment.

c. Other business

i. Dump truck #002 repairs

Mr. Gates reported that dump truck #002 is currently inoperable due to a broken rear end. It is at John Bogie's repair shop awaiting parts for repair.

4. Other business presented by other town officers

There was no other business presented by other town officers.

New Business

5. Consideration of, and take any action on, proposed sale of Town-owned property on Anderson Street

The Board reviewed correspondence from resident Michael Gibson, as was discussed at the Board's previous meeting. The letter proposes that Mr. Gibson purchase of the Town-owned property located on Anderson Street, identified as Town parcel #0009-01-45, as has been discussed in previous Board meetings. The letter contains an offer to purchase the property for \$5,000. Mr. Gibson appeared at this meeting and discussed his proposal with the Board.

- Mr. Ford moved to accept Mr. Gibson's offer and to sell the Town-owned property located on Anderson Street, identified as Town parcel #0009-01-45, to Mr. Gibson for the sum of \$5,000. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. The Board noted that this proposed sale must be duly publicly noticed and is subject to petition of the voters objecting to the proposed conveyance.

6. Consideration, and possible approval, of line of credit with Passumpsic Savings Bank in the amount of \$2.5 million

Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt reported that documents for the proposed re-funding of the Passumpsic Savings Bank flood recovery line of credit are not yet prepared. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt to request that Passumpsic Savings Bank move forward with preparing documents for re-funding financing of the 2024 flood recovery line of credit in the amount of \$2.5 million.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, warning for 2026 annual town meeting

The Board reviewed the draft of a proposed 2026 Annual Town Meeting warning. The warning is similar to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting warning, with one difference: the removal of an article for the proposed renewal of a property tax exemption.

- The Board signed the warning.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, tax map maintenance proposal and proposed contract from CAI Technologies

The Board reviewed the 2026-2027 proposal and contract. Terms of proposal and contract are the same as the 2025-2026 proposal and contract.

- The Board signed the contract.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, Fire & Rescue Station alarm system service agreement from Alarmco, Inc.

The Board reviewed the proposed service agreement; total annual price is \$300.

- The Board agreed to sign the agreement; Mr. Gates signed the agreement.

10. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

11. Consideration of, and take any action on, sale of former Town Clerk's Office at 1743 US Route 5 South

Mr. Adams reported that there was no new information to discuss or on which to take action regarding this matter.

- No action taken.

Check Warrants

12. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Budget

13. Consideration of, and take any action on, 2026 Town General Fund budget

The Board continued their review of the 2026 General Fund budget, adjusting various line items.

- Mr. Adams moved to approve the budget as amended. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment

- Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*